

Buttermere Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 5th December 2017

Meeting opened at 19.30.

Present: Cllrs R Beard (chair), M Richardson, G Evans, L Kyle, Y Kahane, A Beard, E Beard.

District and County Councillors: A Bowness (CCC)

Clerk: Mike Milner

Apologises for absence: M Thompson (BPC)

034.00 Police

034.01 The chairman acknowledged that PCSO Catherine Smith was in attendance and invited her to speak first.

034.02 Catherine thanked the chair for his welcome and told the meeting that it was currently her supervisors policy to restrict attendance at parish council meetings and that there would be a meeting every tenth week held at Cockermouth police station, the clerk had attended the first one on 7th Nov, but all councillors invited to these meetings. She stressed that information was a two-way street and that all councillors could contact her directly by email or phone, clerk to recirculate contact details with draft minutes, but if it was to directly report a current crime 999 was the contact detail, or 101 for a crime number log. Having advised the meeting of those arrangements she then advised that the only recent logged crime for Buttermere was a wallet theft, which was found minus the cash, but it still contained the owner's cards.

034.03 Chair thanked her for her attendance and Catherine left the meeting at 7.55pm.

035.00 Declaration of Interests

035.01 None

036.00 Read and approve the minutes of the Buttermere Parish Council meeting held on 5th September 2017.

036.01 Cllr M.R proposed the acceptance of the 5th September minutes, and Cllr G.E seconded the proposal, council unanimously approved. Chairman duly signed the minutes as a true record.

037.00 Public Participation. No members of the public present.

038.00 Applications for development.

038.01 No new developments, but clerk confirmed application 7/2017/2188 a request by National Trust to change the use of Wilkinsyke Cottage, Buttermere from private dwelling to holiday let he had confirmed no objections by BPC. 7/2017/2213 & 7/2017/2074 Hassness Guest House, Buttermere, amended tree protection plan approved. 7/2017/2167 Low Collins, Loweswater, the retrospective double and secondary glazing application approved.

038.02 Cllr Y.K voiced her concerns over the development application 7/2017/2298 pertaining to the Thirlmere Activity Hub.

Although not in Buttermere Parish she was concerned that if this was approved it would open the door for an enlarged Zip wire at Honister. Cllrs agreed that such extensive projects were not beneficial to either area. They unanimously agreed that Cllr Y.K could voice disapproval on behalf at BPC at Melbreak Community meetings. Clerk to contact National Park planning and Friends of the Lake District and register the parish council's objections.

039.00 District and County Councillors Reports

039.01 A.B (CCC) advised nothing drastic affecting BPC to report and enquired if Cllrs had any problems. Cllr Y.K mentioned her on going Highways problems. After a lengthy discussion on problems it was decided Cllr Y.K would email all the problems on her list to the clerk, he would contact Highways Dep't with the intention of setting up a meeting with a Highway steward. Keep Cllr A.B (CCC) in the correspondence chain. At the end of this item chair invited Cllr A.B to remain, but he left the meeting at 20.18.

040.00 Receive half yearly accounts up to 30th September and consider draft budget for 2018/19 and precept figure.

040.01 The clerk had circulated electronically copies of the accounts and budget prior to the meeting. He explained his accounts presentation and asked if Cllrs were happy with his presentation, all approved.

040.02 The budget showed the 2016/17 actual figures the budget for the current year and how that was progressing. There was a large purchase in the budget for this year of the parish laptop, printer and Microsoft Office plus a McAfee security package, but he had applied for a £521.12 grant through CALC to cover that outlay. He had taken advantage of suppliers offers and had not yet spent the full grant funding, but it would cover further ink and paper purchases.

040.03 The 2018/19 budget indicated expenditure of £1552 the precept for 2017/18 had been £1400, he recommended a 2% increase to £1428. Cllr G.E proposed a small regular increase was better than a big jump. Cllrs agreed 2% increase.

041.00 Clerk's report.

041.01 Clerk had attended Police meeting on Nov 7th as reported.

041.02 Clerk had been dealing with Cllr Y.K on Highways problems. See minute 039.01 for agreed further actions.

041.03 Parish council banking at HSBC is now set up for internet transactions.

041.04 As per minute 040.02 parish have received funding from CALC for £521.12.

041.05 Clerk advised that the parish council should hold a parish council annual meeting, plus three ordinary parish council meetings and in addition an annual village meeting. He asked if the council would consider an additional meeting in March of every year to hold the village annual meeting plus an extra parish council meeting. The idea was unanimously turned down the meeting, but the May meeting from 2018 would have 3 meetings, village meeting, parish council annual meeting plus a parish council ordinary meeting. Meetings for 2018 agreed for Tuesday 29th May, Tuesday 4th September and Tuesday 4th December.

042.00 Parish Councillors Reports

042.01 Cllr Y.K reported that at Melbreak Community meeting they had discussed renewable energy. Also, Lorton were considering a Traffic study, did Buttermere consider one would be worthwhile, but Cllrs all agreed not needed. Also, she pointed out that there were still discussions about further Ennerdale bore holes to consider possible nuclear waste storage. All Cllrs agreed that Cllr Y.K could record on behalf of BPC at any meeting a firm NO to nuclear waste storage underground.

043.00 Correspondence

043.01 Allerdale had provided letter for Precept figure. 040.03 covers, £1428 for 2018/19.

043.02 Frizington Household Waste Recycling, planning extension, clerk no action.

043.03 Invite for the chair from United Benefice of Lorton, Loweswater & Buttermere to meet the candidates for the vicar's vacancy. Meeting Monday 11th Dec at 6pm at Loweswater village hall.

043.04 New government auditor's fees for parish councils with a combined turnover of less than £25k per year will be NIL. This was considered when the clerk had done his budget presentation.

044.00 Payments for Approval

6th December, Intpay1, M Milner salary 3 months £200.84, Exp' £23.40 total £224.24.

6th December, Intpay2 HMRC, PAYE, 3 months Sept/Oct/November £50.20

6th December, Intpay3, M Milner, £425.94, reimbursement of computer/printer expenditure.

All the above payments were approved.

045.00 Date and time of the next meeting.

045.01 Next meeting Tuesday 29th May 2018 at 19.00 at the Old School Room Buttermere. Immediately following the Buttermere Annual Parish Meeting then the Buttermere Parish Council Annual Meeting.

Meeting closed at 20.52